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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Fee Transmittal Form (e.g. PTO/SB/17) (Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)	7. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.	8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification [Total Pages 7] (preferred arrangement set forth below) -Descriptive title of the Invention -Cross References to Related Applications -Statement Regarding Red Sponsored R&D -Reference to Sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix -Background of the Invention -Brief Summary of the Invention -Brief Description of Drawings (if filed) -Detailed Description -Claim(s) -Abstract of the Disclosure	a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Form (CRF) b. <input type="checkbox"/> Specification Sequence Listing on: i. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Paper c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statement verifying identity of above copies
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2] a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newly executed (original or copy) b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed) I. <input type="checkbox"/> DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).	9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (Cover sheet & document(s)) 10. <input type="checkbox"/> 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Power of (when there is an assignee) <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney 11. <input type="checkbox"/> English Translation Document (if applicable) 12. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS/PTO-1449) <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of IDS Citations 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment 14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized) 15. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed) 16. <input type="checkbox"/> Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(I). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent. 17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Power of Attorney
6. <input type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76	

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Prior application information: Examiner _____ Group/Art Unit: _____

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity				
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid		
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	370.00
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 370.00)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
			-20**	=	
			- 3**	=	

Large Entity	Small Entity			
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description		
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40.00
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____					

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